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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The sixth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was held at the World Conference Center Bonn in Bonn, Germany, from 20 to 25 October 2014.¹

2. The Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Non-Annex I) and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger (Annex I), resumed the second session and opened the 11th plenary meeting on 20 October. They welcomed all Parties and observers. They also welcomed Ms. Anna Serzysko (Annex I), as Rapporteur of the ADP.²

3. The Co-Chairs encouraged Parties to take full advantage of the October meeting to achieve the progress needed for the ADP to successfully fulfil its mandates, including those due by the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The Co-Chairs recalled decision 2/CP.18 requesting the ADP to consider elements for a draft negotiating text no later than at its session to be held in conjunction with COP 20, with a view to making available a negotiating text before May 2015. The Co-Chairs noted that at the same session, the ADP is also expected to agree on the information requirements related to the intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) in accordance with decision 1/CP.19 and on how to accelerate the implementation of pre-2020 climate action.

4. Statements were made by Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, President-Designate of COP 20 and of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), and the Executive Secretary, Ms. Christiana Figueres.

5. Statements were also made by representatives of 13 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African States, the Alliance of Small Island States, the least developed countries, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty, the Like-minded Developing Countries, the League of Arab States, the BASIC countries (Brazil, China, India and South Africa), the Central American Integration System and the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, statements were made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental NGOs, farmers NGOs, local government and municipal authorities, research and independent NGOs, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

¹ The report on the first and second parts of the second session of the ADP is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/2; the reports on the third, fourth and fifth parts of the second session are contained in documents FCCC/ADP/2013/3, FCCC/ADP/2014/1 and FCCC/ADP/2014/2, respectively.

² The Bureau of the ADP was elected in accordance with the arrangement set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, which was endorsed by decision 2/CP.18. The ADP elected the current members of its Bureau at the second and third parts of its second session, as reflected in documents FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraph 6, and FCCC/ADP/2013/3, paragraph 5, respectively.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(b))

6. The agenda for the second session of the ADP was adopted by the ADP at the 1st meeting of the session, on 29 April 2013.³

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(c))

7. At the 11th meeting, on 20 October, the Co-Chairs drew the attention of the delegates to the scenario note prepared for the sixth part of the session,⁴ and outlined the arrangements made in the light of the organization of work previously agreed by the ADP and of the mandates of the ADP, including those given at COP 19.⁵ The organization of the work on agenda item 3 included a contact group established at the fourth part of the session,⁶ briefings on issues relevant to the work of the ADP, technical expert meetings and related follow-up activities.

8. The Co-Chairs also encouraged Parties to reach out to one another and work among themselves to build bridges between different views, pursue common ground and address outstanding issues.

9. In addition, the Co-Chairs informed Parties of their intention to hold a special event with observers during the session. This event took place on 21 October.

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

(Agenda item 3)

10. The ADP considered this item at its 11th meeting, as well as at its 12th meeting, on 25 October. It had before it documents FCCC/ADP/2014/2, FCCC/ADP/2014/L.3 and FCCC/ADP/2014/CRP.3, as well as the informal notes prepared for the sixth part of the session.⁷

11. At the 11th meeting, the Co-Chairs recalled the establishment of the contact group on item 3, referred to in paragraph 7 above, and its mandate to work in accordance with the agreed agenda, including the two ADP workstreams, and the established UNFCCC practice.

12. The Co-Chairs also recalled the core principles guiding the work of the ADP, namely that the process will continue to be Party-driven and build on inputs from Parties, and that any outputs of the process will reflect inputs from Parties.

13. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs drew the attention of delegates to the informal documents prepared by the Co-Chairs prior to the session, aimed at facilitating the

³ FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraphs 8 and 9.

⁴ Contained in document ADP.2014.9.InformalNote.

⁵ Decision 1/CP.19.

⁶ FCCC/ADP/2014/1, paragraph 19.

⁷ The informal notes are listed in annex II.

understanding of the issues and options that Parties have put on the table and of the preparations for the session, namely:

- (a) A note containing the reflections of the Co-Chairs on the fifth part of the session;⁸
- (b) A non-paper describing, in bullet-point format, Parties' views and proposals, derived from statements, interventions, submissions and other inputs from Parties, including conference room papers, on the elements for a draft negotiating text of the 2015 agreement;⁹
- (c) A revised draft text on the INDCs of Parties in the context of the 2015 agreement;¹⁰
- (d) A draft text on accelerating the implementation of enhanced pre-2020 climate action;¹¹
- (e) The scenario note for the sixth part of the session setting out a proposed organization of work.¹²

14. The Co-Chairs underlined the need to further advance work on the elements of the agreement. In this context, the Co-Chairs outlined the timelines that need to be followed for the negotiating text to be available before May 2015 and reminded delegates of the need for the ADP to decide at the October session on additional meeting time required in 2015, especially in the first half of 2015.

15. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs noted that some of the legal aspects of the 2015 agreement had been mentioned in discussions and in submissions from Parties. In this context, the Co-Chairs informed the ADP that, on their request, the secretariat had prepared a note containing the questions and answers on some of the legal and institutional aspects of the 2015 agreement, and invited the Coordinator of the Legal Affairs programme of the secretariat and Principal Legal Adviser to introduce the note. This note was made available on the UNFCCC website.¹³

16. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs underlined the need to continue and possibly finalize the work on the text of a draft decision identifying the information that Parties will provide when putting forward their INDCs. They also stressed the importance of reaching an understanding on the scope of INDCs and on the steps or process that will follow the communication of the INDCs.

17. In this context, the Co-Chairs proposed to Parties to continue the work on a draft decision text on INDCs and indicated that this work would involve issuing iterations of the draft during the session, as needed.

18. The Co-Chairs further recalled the wish expressed by Parties during the fifth part of the session to take an ambitious decision on enhanced pre-2020 climate action.

19. The Co-Chairs proposed to Parties to carry out the work on the text of the draft decision on INDCs in the contact group referred to in paragraph 7 above through a collective reading of the entire draft decision text contained in document ADP.2014.8.DraftText. They invited Parties to provide input throughout this reading to enrich the draft.

⁸ Contained in document ADP.2014.5.InformalNote.

⁹ Contained in documents ADP.2014.6.NonPaper and Corr.1.

¹⁰ Contained in document ADP.2014.7.DraftText.

¹¹ Contained in document ADP.2014.8.DraftText.

¹² Contained in document ADP.2014.9.InformalNote.

¹³ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/8417.php>>.

20. In its work under workstream 1,¹⁴ the contact group advanced the elaboration of the elements contained in decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 5, including the cycle of contributions/commitments, and the consideration of what needs to be enshrined in the 2015 agreement and of what needs to be included in complementary decisions to allow for a more dynamic implementation. The contact group also undertook a first reading of the draft decision referred to in paragraph 13(c) above and advanced its discussions on INDCs. Proposals from Parties were captured in a revised draft text by the Co-Chairs issued on 24 October.

21. In its work under workstream 2,¹⁵ the contact group focused in particular on the content of a draft decision on enhanced pre-2020 action. The progress of this work was captured in a revised draft text by the Co-Chairs issued on 24 October.

22. In the context of the work on the technical examination of opportunities for actions with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits, as called for in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(a), the following meetings took place during the sixth part of the session:

(a) Technical expert meeting on carbon capture, use and storage, facilitated by Ms. Ulrika Raab and held on 21 October;¹⁶

(b) Technical expert meeting on addressing non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gases, facilitated by Ms. Marta Pizano and held on 22 October.¹⁷

23. In addition, a meeting was held on 23 October to facilitate follow-up actions arising from the technical expert meetings held during the fourth and fifth parts of the session on unlocking mitigation opportunities through renewable energy deployment,¹⁸ energy efficiency improvements,¹⁹ land use²⁰ and urban environment²¹ in the pre-2020 period.

24. The work of the contact group was informed of relevant ongoing work in other bodies in the following briefings:

(a) Briefing on the 2014 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows by Mr. Seyni Nafo, Standing Committee on Finance, held on 21 October;

(b) Briefing on the status of the progress of the Green Climate Fund by Mr. Ayman Shasly, Co-Chair of the eighth meeting of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, held on 21 October;

(c) Briefing on capacity-building by Mr. Amena Yauvoli, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, held on 25 October;

(d) Briefing on the 2013–2015 review by Mr. Emanuel Dumisani Dlamini, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, held on 25 October.²²

25. In addition, a briefing on support for domestic preparations for INDCs took place on 23 October. The briefing, facilitated by the Co-Chairs, highlighted case studies on

¹⁴ Workstream 1 relates to matters referred to in decision 1/CP.17, paragraphs 2–6 (relating to the 2015 agreement).

¹⁵ Workstream 2 relates to matters referred to in decision 1/CP.17, paragraphs 7 and 8 (relating to pre-2020 ambition).

¹⁶ See <<http://unfccc.int/8421.php>>.

¹⁷ See <<http://unfccc.int/8420.php>>.

¹⁸ See <<http://unfccc.int/8112.php>>.

¹⁹ See <<http://unfccc.int/8113.php>>.

²⁰ See <<http://unfccc.int/8171.php>>.

²¹ See <<http://unfccc.int/8170.php>>.

²² Additional information on the briefings held during the session is available at <<http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/7695.php>>.

cooperation and support in relation to the preparation of INDCs, including reports on the regional dialogues organized under the leadership of United Nations Development Programme with the active involvement of the secretariat.

26. The ADP met on 23 October to take stock of progress made and to consider the possible way forward. During this meeting, the ADP also considered the need for additional meeting time in 2015, as well as the work on legal issues relating to the 2015 agreement.

27. At the 12th meeting, the Co-Chairs noted that during the session the ADP had made progress, in particular on further elaborating the elements of the 2015 agreement, on identifying the information that Parties will provide when putting forward their INDCs, and on considering ways to accelerate the implementation of pre-2020 action. The Co-Chairs also noted the need to capture the progress made at the October session and expressed their intention to assist delegates in their preparations for the upcoming session of the ADP by reflecting this progress in informal notes to be issued prior to that session.

28. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, the ADP agreed to hold one additional session in the first half of 2015 and at least one additional session in the second half of 2015.

29. The Co-Chairs informed delegates that the additional session in the first half of 2015 would be held from 8 to 13 February 2015 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland.

30. The Co-Chairs invited the Deputy Executive Secretary to provide delegates with information on the financial implications of, and on the status of funding for, holding additional sessions of the ADP in 2015.

31. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs reminded delegates of the possibility for Parties and admitted observer organization to submit input to the ADP process in accordance with the invitation to provide information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session.²³

32. Statements were made by representatives of 12 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African States, the least developed countries, the Like-minded Developing Countries, the League of Arab States, the BASIC countries (Brazil, China, India and South Africa) and the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

33. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 11th meeting. No other matters were raised.

V. Report on the sixth part of the second session

(Agenda item 5)

34. At its 12th meeting, the ADP considered and adopted the draft report on the sixth part of its second session.²⁴ At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, the ADP

²³ FCCC/ADP/2012/3, paragraph 22.

²⁴ Adopted as document FCCC/ADP/2014/L.3.

authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the sixth part of the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

VI. Suspension of the session

35. At its 12th meeting, the ADP, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, agreed to suspend its second session and resume it in conjunction with COP 20 and CMP 10 in Lima, Peru.

36. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs of the ADP expressed their appreciation to Parties for their work and support and declared the second session of the ADP suspended.

Annex I

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the sixth part of its second session

Documents prepared for the sixth part of the session

FCCC/ADP/2014/L.3	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the sixth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 20 to 25 October 2014
FCCC/ADP/2014/CRP.3	Submission from the Like-minded Developing Countries

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2013/10 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/CP/2012/8 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012
FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/ADP/2014/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fifth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 4 to 14 June 2014
FCCC/ADP/2014/1	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fourth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 10 to 14 March 2014
FCCC/ADP/2013/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the third part of its second session, held in Warsaw from 12 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/ADP/2013/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first and second parts of its second session, held in Bonn from 29 April to 3 May 2013 and from 4 to 13 June 2013

Annex II**Informal notes prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the sixth part of its second session**

ADP.2014.5.InformalNote	Reflections on progress made at the fifth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2014.6.NonPaper and Corr.1	Parties' views and proposals on the elements for a draft negotiating text
ADP.2014.7.DraftText	Intended nationally determined contributions of Parties in the context of the 2015 agreement
ADP.2014.8.DraftText	Accelerating the implementation of enhanced pre-2020 climate action
ADP.2014.9.InformalNote	Scenario note on the sixth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs
